

REMARKS

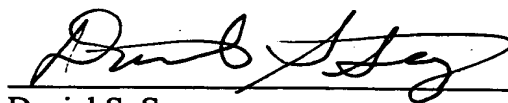
The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to further define the scope of patent protection to which the Applicants are entitled. Initially, paragraphs 47 and 48 of the application have been amended to specifically identify the surface openings provided on the edge extension of a link element shown in the embodiment described in the application. The surface openings have been assigned reference numerals 27 and 28 in the amended paragraphs. This feature is clearly shown in Figures 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 as originally filed. Correspondingly, no new matter is added.

In addition, claims 1-45 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. New claims 46-56 are added by the above amendment, these newly added claims being directed to the surface openings 27 and 28 provided on the edge extension of the embodiment described. As noted, this feature is clearly shown in Figures 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 as originally filed. Therefore, claims 1-56 are now pending in the present application and examination of these claims are requested.

Finally, the attached five (5) sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 to merely add reference numerals 27 and 28 to clearly point out the surface openings provided on the edge extensions, and in Figures 2 and 5, to also point out the pivot rod 24 in the surface openings 27.

The entry of the above amendments to the Specification, claims and figures are respectfully requested prior to the substantive examination of the present application.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached five (5) sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7. These five (5) sheets replace the original sheets.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (5)